

REMARKS

Foreign Priority:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document has been received at the Patent Office.

Drawings:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed on October 20, 2003 have been accepted.

Allowed Claims:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6, 12 and 18 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-19 are all of the claims that have been examined in the present application, and currently claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17 and 19 stand rejected.

As shown in the previous section, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, as claims 6, 12 and 18 have been allowed, Applicant submits that the pending claim rejections are now moot, and that the present application is now in a fully allowable condition.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

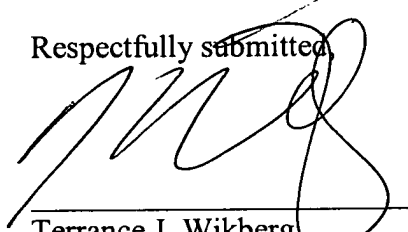
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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